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PORTRAIT IS GIVEN I. U. LAW SCHOOL

**Picture of Judge D. D. Banta
Presented by Son and
Daughter.**

A large, framed portrait of Judge David Demaree Banta, former president of the board of trustees, and first dean of the Law School under the reorganization of 1889, has been presented to the Law School by his son, George Banta, of Menasha, Wis., and his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Banta Beeson, of Chicago. The frame is given by Mr. and Mrs. George Banta, Jr., of Menasha.

The artist who painted the picture is Francis Cranmer Greenman, distinguished portrait painter of Minneapolis. Formal presentation will be made at the Commencement exercises next spring.

Judge Banta received his B.S. degree from the University in 1855 and the LL.B. degree in 1857. The donors of the picture are Indiana University graduates.

He was born in Johnson county, May 23, 1833. He read law while working in a saw mill in Iowa, then attended Franklin College for a short time before entering Indiana University. On completion of his college work in 1857, he began practicing law in Franklin, and at the same time he engaged in newspaper and historical writing and worked in the recorder's office. He also served as district attorney of the common pleas court.

In 1870 he was elected judge of the twenty-eighth judicial circuit without opposition from the Republican party. On retiring from the bench in 1876 he began practice with Thomas W. Woollen and continued until he became dean of the Law School in 1889. From 1877-1888 he was a trustee of the University. In 1888 Franklin bestowed on Judge Banta the honorary degree of doctor of laws. He died April 9, 1896, in this city.